

In April 2010 the Agency carried out 70182 vehicle full tests and 14278 vehicle retests totalling 84460 vehicle tests.	
15257 vehicle full tests and 968 vehicle retests failed the test with 31814 defects detected. The table below shows the top 12 reasons for failing the test.	
Failure reason description	Number of defects
1 Brake system.	7275
2 Suspension system.	5477
3 Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	4875
4 Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	2466
5 Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	2153
6 Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1924
7 Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1900
8 Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1726
9 Steering system.	1573
10 Fuel & exhaust system.	1020
11 Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	725
12 Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	700
Total number of defects detected	31814

"It should be noted that vehicles which fail may have had more than 1 defect and more than 1 reason for failure"